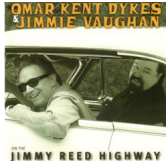


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1. *Jimmy Reed Highway* 2. *Baby What You Want Me To Do/ Bright Lights Big City* 3. *Big Boss Man* 4. *Good Lover* 5. *Caress Me Baby* 6. *Aw Shucks, Hush Your Mouth* 7. *You Upset My Mind* 8. *I'll Change My Style* 9. *Bad Boy* 10. *Baby, What's Wrong* 11. *Hush Hush* 12. *You Made Me Laugh* Lou Ann Barton - Vocals Barry Bihm - Bass James Cotton - Harmonica Omar Dykes - Composer, Vocals Ronnie James - Bass Delbert McClinton - Harmonica, Vocals Derek O'Brien - Guitar Gary Primich - Harmonica George Rains - Drums Wes Starr - Drums Jimmie Vaughan - Guitar, Vocals Kim Wilson - Harmonica

Some tribute projects to earlier greats seek to modernize and update their music. This project, co-led by singer Omar Kent Dykes and guitarist Jimmie Vaughan, instead focuses on revitalizing the music of Jimmy Reed in traditional settings. While not closely copying the original recordings, these new renditions are very much "in the tradition." With his deep and low voice, Dykes does justice to the lyrics and feelings in the music; Vaughan has plenty of fine guitar solos; and the guest spots of singer Lou Ann Barton and either Kim Wilson, James Cotton, Gary Primich, or Delbert McClinton on harmonica add to both the variety and the power of the music. As with the best tribute projects, this one will send listeners back to Jimmy Reed's original records while also standing by itself as a heartfelt and relevant homage to the great bluesman. ---Scott Yanow. Rovi

The momentous revelation on that day was the discovery that flamenco, in the way that I presented it – that is without pretence, but simply as I honestly believe the music to be, the way I had received it from my tradition – resonated with the audience. ---Paco Peña, arkivmusic.com

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